

22 January 2013  
Committee on Ways and Means  
Hearing on Debt Limit

Distuinguised Representatives,

Hello, and thank you for taking the time to listen to what I have to say. I urge you not to give up the constitutional right granted solely to the House of Representatives for controlling the nations purse strings. I also urge you to not raise the debt limit. My reasoning for this statement is that if we take the hit now and deal with the repercussions it will be easier for us than if we continue to foolishly put off the fiscal problem facing our nation. If we continue to act irresponsibly it will be much more difficult for the nation when the bill, so to speak, comes due. I would urge you make cuts in Defense Department spending before cutting anything else. As a soldier I am not afraid of this but rather I welcome such cuts. I urge you not to think of gaining or losing the votes of the ever fickle people but to think of your solemn responsibility entrusted to you by those same people and by God.

Thank You

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